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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL R AND R PROGRAMMING TO MEET THE
CURRENT EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE SAHEL
LONDON FOR BAAS, ROME FOR FODAG, PARIS FOR HELMAN,
BRUSSELS FOR MARTIN, ABIDJAN FOR REDSO

1. BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM, WE ARE PROVIDING YOU WITH BACK-
GROUND ON DEVELOPMENTS EMANATING FROM THE RECENT MULTI-DONOR
CONFERENCE HELD BY THE FED IN BRUSSELS. ADDITIONAL SEPARATE
COUNTRY MESSAGES ARE BEING SENT INDICATING OUR PERCEPTION
OF VARIOUS COUNTRY PROBLEMS STILL REQUIRING RESOLUTION IF
THE DIFFICULTIES FACING THE SAHEL BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT
HARVEST ARE TO BE MINIMIZED.

2. IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THERE IS LITTLE THAT IS NOT
ALREADY UNDERWAY TO SEEK TO RESOLVE REMAINING EMERGENCY
PROBLEMS WHICH COULD NOW BE PLANNED AND FINANCED BY
EXTERNAL DONORS IN TIME TO HAVE AN IMPACT BEFORE THE NEXT
HARVEST. MOST OF OUR R AND R ACTIVITIES, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE
ALREADY GONE THROUGH AN EXTENSIVE IDENTIFICATION, DESIGN,
AND NEGOTIATION PROCESS WHICH WOULD BE TOO LENGTHY TO
REPEAT FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS TO HAVE IMPACT IN THE TIME
FRAME UNDER CONSIDERATION. HOWEVER, AS THE COUNTRY-BY-
COUNTRY ANALYSES REQUESTED BE SEPARATE MESSAGES ARE UNDER-
TAKEN, THERE MAY APPEAR TO BE CERTAIN SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS
WHICH CAN IN FACT BE ORGANIZED IN A RAPID ENOUGH MANNER

THAT THEY CAN IN FACT BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE TIME FRAME
REQUIRED AND MIGHT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON IMMEDIATE
REQUIREMENTS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CLARIFY
OUR PRESENT LEGISLATIVE AND FUNDING SITUATION IN A WAY
WHICH GIVES FIELD STAFFS AN INDICATION OF WHAT FUNDING
MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT SUCH ADDITIONAL ACTIONS.
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3. FROM THE DOLS 25 MILLION WHICH WAS RECENTLY AUTHORIZED
AND APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS, THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF
FUNDS HAS BEEN MADE (DOLS 000):

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OBLIGATED OR IN PROCESS OF PLANNED BEING OBLIGATED
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STUDIES AND SURVEYS	1,500	1,073
SUPPORT TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	1,055	1,055
DISASTER RELIEF	3,340	2,340
R AND R PROGRAM	14,150	12,025
CONTINGENCY FOR R&R PROGRAMS	1,105	0
MALI LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT	3,500	3,500
SAHEL TECHNICAL SUPPORT	350	230
 TOTAL	 25,000	 20,223

4. FROM THE ABOVE, IT CAN BE SEEN THAT ONLY DOLS 1.1 MILLION IS PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN RESERVE FOR ADDITIONAL R AND R REQUIREMENTS (INCLUDING COST ADJUSTMENTS TO PROGRAMS CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIAION) AND ONLY DOLS 4.8 MILLION IN TOTAL OUT OF THE DOLS 25 MILLION IS NOT YET FORMALLY COMMITTED OR IN THE PROCESS OF EARLY COMMITMENT.

5. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE CONGRESS APPROPRIATED AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 50 MILLION FOR SAHEL PROGRAMS BUT HAS NOT YET AUTHORIZED THAT APPROPRIATION. ALTHOUGH AUTHORIZATION HEARINGS ARE GOING FORWARD, IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION CAN BE ANTICIPATED PRIOR TO APRIL. OUR TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR USE OF THE DOLS 50 MILLION INCLUDES UP TO DOLS 15 MILLION FOR R AND R TYPE ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT DUE TO EXPECTED LATENESS OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT ANY FUNDS WHICH THE CONGRESS MAY AUTHORIZE CAN IN FACT BE UTILIZED WITHIN A TIME FRAME WHICH WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON CONDITIONS BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT HARVEST.

6. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THEN, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT ANY NEW R AND R ACTIVITIES WHICH WE MAY WISH TO UNDERTAKE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEET IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIABLE NEEDS MUST COME FROM

RESOURCES IN HAND. THIS MEANS FIRST THE 1.1 MILLION BEING HELD IN RESERVE FOR R AND R ACTIVITIES. SECONDLY, IF SOUND AND NECESSARY UNDERTAKINGS CAN BE IDENTIFIED, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DEFER SOME OF THE OTHER PLANNED USES OF THE ORIGINAL DOLS 25 MILLION AVAILABILITY AND UNCOMMITTED ELEMENTS OF THAT TOTAL AMOUNT COULD BE REPROGRAMMED TOWARDS R AND R ACTIVITIES. FINALLY, IF TRULY HIGH PRIORITY UNDERTAKINGS CAN BE IDENTIFIED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, WE WOULD CONSIDER DIVERTING OTHER AFR FUND AVAILABILITIES TO SUCH R AND R PROGRAMS IN EXPECTATION OF FUTURE FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE DOLS 50 MILLION AUTHORIZATION.

7. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE ANALYSES EMANATING FROM SEPTELS ON COUNTRY PROBLEM SITUATION WHICH CAN LEND TO IDENTIFICATION OF ANY POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL R AND R PROGRAMS AIMED SPECIFICALLY AT MEETING URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT HARVEST WILL BE COMPLETED BY MID-MARCH SO THAT WE CAN SEE AT THAT TIME WHAT WILL BE THEIR IMPACT ON EXISTING FUNDING AVAILABILITIES. HOWEVER, IF IN INTERIM POSTS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY ACTIVITIES WHICH REQUIRE ACTION EVEN BEFORE A TOTAL PACKAGE CAN BE IDENTIFIED, AID/W SHOULD BE NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

8. GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW ON PROGRAMMING ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR IDENTIFICATION FURTHER R AND R ACTIVITIES, NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO PROBLEMS REQUIRING RESOLUTION PRIOR TO NEXT HARVEST PERIOD, TO BE FUNDED FROM PENDING DOLS 50 MILLION ONCE AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS. DECONTROL 12/31/75. CASEY

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